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The two Mexico Masonic lodges are seriously considering the proposition to merge as one. It looks like the proper step to take. The truth is there are too many lodges and too many churches. Let's break down the barriers.

The cost of blue overalls has doubled within 12 months, so they say. A pair that cost you 50 cents a year ago now costs one dollar. Lack of indigo dyes. But they save the cost of the indigo. Why shouldn't the breeches be cheaper? But blame the European war.

W. Q. Maxwell renews for the Message. Bro. Maxwell, write us a letter from the Sunflower State. Your many Audrain county friends would be glad to hear from you thru the Message.

Rudolph Miller renews for the Message. Many others have done likewise lately. Friends, we are very grateful.

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program, which was introduced with a song by the school, followed by readings, recitations and dialogs, all of which were well rendered, showing great care and interest on the part of both pupil and teacher. A paper was read by Misses Alma Blaze and Frances Botts which was well seasoned with salt and pepper.

The program was again rendered at the Literary Society that night, which also closed for the season. The directors asked Miss Crawford to again accept the school which shows their appreciation of her work.

Closing Exercises of Botts School.
The closing exercises of Botts School were held Friday, April 14th, with Miss Beulah Crawford as teacher. Many of the patrons and neighbors came with well filled baskets, and tables were prepared in the yard, and the writer believes there were more good things on those tables, considering the number present, than she ever saw before. During the meal the busiest persons on the ground, with the exception of the three directors, who were eating, were Mrs. Porter Cawthorn and Miss May Hofrichter, who, with camera and kodak, took pictures, which were types of real contentment.

The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in listening to a well prepared

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George Wells of Kansas City father of Bert F. Wells here, was operated on at the Mexico Hospital Friday. Mr. Wells was injured some time ago in an automobile accident, and the injury has been causing him great suffering and inconvenience.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL OUT.
The Sixty-sixth Annual Report of Public Schools of Missouri is at our desk. Howard A. Gass, State Supt., has a fine showing for the schools of Missouri.

According to statistics in Howard A. Gass' 66 report of Public Schools for Missouri, Audrain County has 83 one and two room schools. 24 per cent of this number, or schools, are on the approved list. Greene County has 56 out of 107 schools. Audrain stands sixth in highest percentage of approved schools.

The Audrain approved schools are: New Michigan, East Lick, Prairie Hill, Dye, Duly, Molino, Fox, Excelsior, Burnham, Strother, Lawder, Erisman, Cauthorn, Canada, Hickory Grove, Black, Pleasant Plains, Crow Liberty, Flynt.

CHARLEY'S AUNT.
The musical version of the famous Frohman comedy, "Charley's Aunt," given by M. M. A. cadets and a number of Mexico young men Thursday night, was a great success. There was a crowded house. The total receipts were \$227.30. After the expenses were met there was \$164.40 left. Of this sum the producer got \$82.20, leaving \$50 for the Academy and \$32.20 for the Hospital benefit.

GILLASPIE-NEWTON.
Mr. Fred Newton, prominent business man of De Soto, Mo., and Miss Irene Gillaspie, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gillaspie of Martinsburg, were married in Mexico Wednesday of last week, Rev. J. D. Greer officiating. The groom formerly lived at Martinsburg. They now will reside at De Soto. Here's hoping them happiness and long life together.

THREE DEATHS.
Z. B. Hunt, Thomas Davis and William Purvis, all of the Santa Fe vicinity, died this week. Mr. Hunt was an uncle of Mrs. P. A. St. Vrain and close relative of Mrs. G. Zaugg, of Mexico.

CROCHETING MAY BASKETS.
You can make the prettiest little baskets for May-day, with any simple basket you can in crochet, of any design. When it is finished, it is stiffened and pulled over a mold or something in the shape you want your basket to be. To stiffen it, mix a quarter of a cupful of granulated sugar with sufficient water to make a thick syrup; let boil a few seconds and remove from the fire. Immerse the basket in the syrup while it is as hot as the hand can bear, and have it thoroly soaked; then at once, while still very hot, put it over the mold, pulling it into shape and being particularly careful to pull out the pattern of the border. Fasten a string to the handle and hang it where it will get dry, having the place cold. Before the basket gets too hard, remove the mold and the string, and work it into the shape you want it to be. Let stand for a day in a cool place until thoroly hardened, then brush all surplus sugar from it, and with a strong pin pick the sugar out of the open work that has become filled by the syrup. Run a pretty ribbon in the border for a handle, and the basket will soon be as hard as china, but when washed, of course, will have to be stiffened again.

STEALS BICYCLE.
Jesse Whitesides, young negro, was fined \$50 and costs in Justice Hooton's court Friday on the charge of stealing a bicycle from Ralph Glover. Whitesides will work out his fine.



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